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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 14, 2010, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 14, 2010, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claim now pending.

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